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Concern for the children drives migrant minister

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)—More than 400,000 migrants annually toil in California's rich, agricultural valleys, which stretch from the Mexican border to north of Sacramento. Leaving homes in Texas, Mexico, and Latin America in search of work, they live in camps, government-sponsored and private, sprinkled across 40 counties.

Augustine Salazar, director of migrant missions in California since 1970, covers 3,000 miles a month to minister to his working flock in the fields. As a Christian social ministries missionary, Salazar not only ministers to migrants, he also tells California churches about migrant needs and how to meet them. Sometimes, those needs seem endless.

Migrants constantly call Salazar for help. He distributes food, clothing, literature; helps buy medicines; and perform funerals and weddings. He records a weekly Spanish-language radio program,

shows Christian films, and holds weekly services and Bible schools at migrant camps. He visits farmworkers in hospitals and prisons.

Salazar also devotes much time to Baptist churches wanting to start a migrant ministry. "A Hispanic congregation can best minister to migrants," he acknowledged. "But if there's not one in the area, then I work with an Anglo congregation."

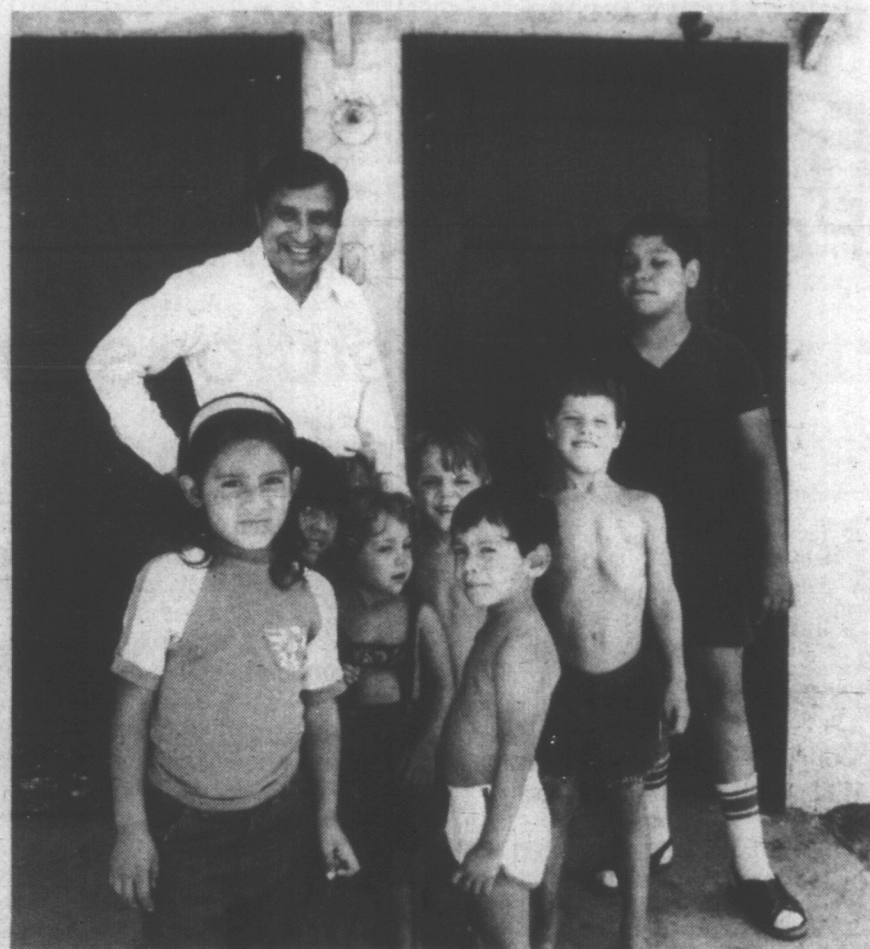
More than 30 California Baptist churches have some sort of migrant ministry; 100-plus churches help provide the health kits he distributes to migrant children. In Fresno, volunteers from Templo Bautista assist with Bible school. Since the average farmworker is illiterate, Salazar has trained literacy volunteers to teach migrants how to read.

The frustration of too little volunteer help from local church members is a problem in Salazar's work. "The Spanish churches here are small and the pastors feel pressured to build

self-supporting churches," he noted. "So they may wonder what they can gain by working with people who come and go, when so many who live nearby need to be saved." He continued, "Our greatest need is for bilingual, bicultural pastors who do not forget where they come from."

Born into a farm family of 13 children, Salazar's ability to emphasize and to identify with migrants is rooted in his own past. His mother taught him to read, using a Bible; the family held weekly worship services in their home. "When I tell the migrants I was born and raised in Mexico, their eyes light up," Salazar said. "They are very happy I am one of them."

Salazar is troubled that migrants have failed to gain respect and appreciation from the predominantly Anglo community they serve. "Many Anglos resent the migrants who come and work here but don't realize if it weren't for them, we wouldn't



Augustine Salazar, the Home Mission Board's minister to migrants in California, is shown with some of the children to whom he ministers.

enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables on our tables," he said. "If not for their willingness to work, our crops would ruin."

Many migrants work harder for less money than most Americans. Though they pay taxes, they seldom collect benefits; less than three percent are on welfare rolls or receive any public assistance.

But Salazar is worried most about the children. "If we don't educate

them and teach them about the love of Christ, they can grow up bitter and full of hatred," he explained.

He remembers once being barred from a barber shop because of his Mexican heritage. "Think of the little fellow who doesn't have the love of God in his heart and how that feeling of not being wanted hurts. It's not hard to understand why some are angry or why some strike back," added Salazar.

Associations: Close contact for mutual fellowship

By Jerry W. Stevens

The associations in Mississippi really began with the migration of the Baptist people from South Carolina. These early Baptist settlers found their homes near Natchez. A young preacher by the name of Richard Curtis settled at a community at Coles Creek about 20 miles from Natchez.

With Richard Curtis as the preacher-leader and seven charter members present, they organized the first Baptist church in Mississippi,

Salem Baptist Church, in October 1791.

New churches felt a need for an association. The association had begun in the old country before these settlers had come to America; therefore, the association was not a new concept for them.

After the organization of Salem Church near Natchez, other churches in the area began to be organized. These churches then, in 1806, organized the First Baptist Association

in Mississippi. They were organized basically for two purposes. First, they felt a need of close contact for mutual fellowship with each other. Second, they thought they could present the gospel more effectively in a united front.

They named the new association the Mississippi Association. It's meeting lasted two days. They had two days of public worship, they observed the Lord's Supper together, and they read letters of information

from the sister churches. Each church could send three "delegates."

In their preamble, they called themselves "Churches of Jesus Christ."

Sometimes the association disciplined members of the churches that were members of the association.

The Union Baptist Association was organized in 1820. The Pearl River Baptist Association was organized in 1820. The Leaf River Association was organized in 1829. The Choctaw Baptist Association was organized in 1834.

One can observe that the associations in Mississippi were organized for the churches rather than the churches for the association. It is still the same today and will continue to be.

The Mississippi Baptist State Convention was organized in 1822 with only three associations. They were Mississippi Association with 16 churches and 495 members; the Pearl River Association with 32 churches and 1,181 members; the Union Association with 13 churches and 625 members.

So then we find that the first church was organized in 1791, and the first association grew out of need of fellowship and united front and was organized in 1806. The Mississippi State Convention was not organized until 1822. The "delegates" or messengers were sent from the associations rather than the general practice of today of sending messengers from

the churches.

In 1983 the associations have grown from one Mississippi Association in 1791 to 75 associations with 52 directors of missions. At the end of church year 1983 there were 1,947 churches baptizing 15,543; receiving 22,114 by letter; having church property valued at \$629,613,590; and giving to the Cooperative Program \$14,943,320 for a grand total gifts of \$150,431,560. These 75 associations at the year ending 1983 had a total membership of 638,235 in the churches.

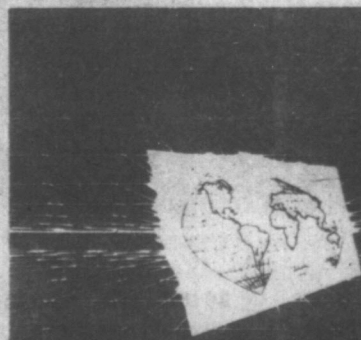
Mississippi Baptists have come a long way from those "formative years" of the late seventeen and early eighteen hundreds. This has been due to, in large measure, the "Baptist Way" of doing things in fellowship with each other and united by a common commission to win the world to faith in Jesus Christ.

Jerry Stevens is director of missions for Winston association.

Drinking, boating don't mix either

A statistical analysis by a New York insurance company revealed that two of every three boating fatalities are alcohol related. In some areas of the country, almost two-fifths of the skippers involved in fatal boating accidents were legally intoxicated at the time of the accident.

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Pornography, insidious and deadly

Pornography Awareness Week has been suggested for a period beginning the last Sunday in October. Such an observation is worthwhile, for most of us are of a nature to want to forget about pornography and hope it will go away.

It won't. It's too profitable.

If it is forgotten about, the only thing we can expect is that it will grow. Concepts that could be described as soft pornography at best are gradually creeping into television programming and have been for years. What we see now on prime-time network programming would not have been tolerated by network executives 15 years ago.

The public has allowed a gradual worsening of the situation, however; and the networks have seen the money flowing into their coffers. A vicious cycle has been established that will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to stop.

Money is the prime consideration for everything in the business world when ethics or morality is assigned a second slot. The liquor merchants and the pornography merchants will continue to market their wares because they are profitable. They are also deadly.

There used to be a field of thought that held that pornography was not so bad if left alone because it damaged only that one who was addicted to it. This never was a valid position, for there is no reason to give up on the user. He is worth saving.

It is now becoming clear, however, that there are people who are influenced to actions by what they see and read. It is known that a man left a

pornography shop in Jackson and raped a pre-teen girl. It has also been revealed in just the last few days that a man set his wife on fire after viewing "The Burning Bed" on television. So it is becoming clear that there are more victims than just the users.

Those potential victims need to be protected, and who knows who they are in advance?

Jackson recently has adopted an anti-pornography ordinance. It is sure to be tested in court. Several sources whose income stands to be affected by the ordinance have already threatened such a suit. Even legitimate bookstores have declared

that this is a form of censorship.

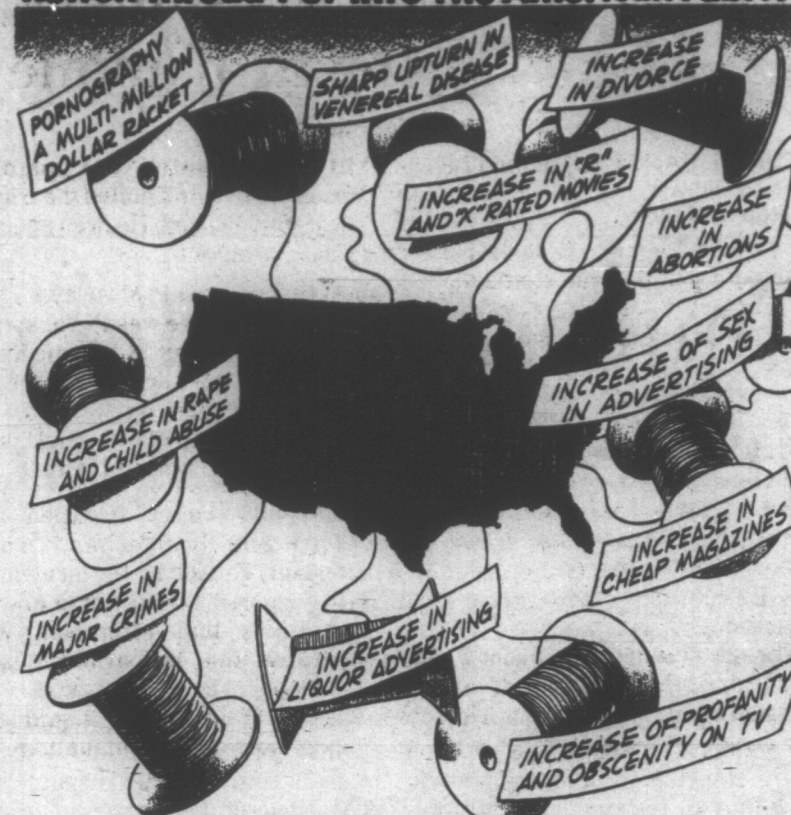
It is true that it is difficult to know where to draw a line between a free press and censorship. We all feel we have an idea where it might be drawn, but we might not all agree on where the line should be.

Pornography is a deadly enemy that is insidious in nature. It can creep in stealthily. It can trap. And it can destroy.

If there is difficulty in determining where to draw the line, it would be much better to have it drawn too tight than leave it too loose.

Hopefully, Jackson's new anti-pornography ordinance will give us a direction to go in that respect.

Rotten Thread Put Into The American Fabric



"THERE IS NO PEACE, SAITH THE LORD, UNTO THE WICKED." — ISA. 48: 22

Guest Editorial . . .

The Southern Baptist Convention — Messenger Reaction

An eight-part series

Part 3

By Owen Cooper

My first convention was in Memphis in 1929. Among those who spoke were R. G. Lee, W. W. Hamilton, Austin Crouch, Kathleen Mallory, G. S. Dobbins, L. R. Scarborough, Louie Newton, M. E. Dodd, and George W. Truett.

The passage of 55 years has dimmed my memory but has not erased the fact that the messengers at the convention were reverent in their attitude, discreet in their reactions, and brotherly in their responses.

Since 1929, the audience reaction has been noted in well over half of the conventions. Only in recent years has the audience reaction changed to where applause could easily be interpreted as the response of the victor over the vanquished, the winner over the loser, and as "my side won and your side lost." To me this destroys a good spirit in the convention and is a practice that is questionable from Christian conduct if not Christian ethics.

Perhaps it is a result of the culture in which we live. We "cheer" those whose side we are on, we "boo" the opposite side; we applaud "our team," we condemn "the other team"; we remain quiet when our quarterback is calling signals, we yell frantically when the quarterback of the opposition calls signals; we sit under the goalposts or the backboard yelling and waving frantically to distract the opposition's kicker or "free throw" player, and we protest the action of those who would disrupt the concentration of our own players. Such are the ways of the world. Such should not be the way of Southern

Baptists.

With 15,000 plus persons, most of them messengers, crowded into an exhibition hall designed to display commercial products and not to seat people, mass audience control cannot be enforced nor is it desirable that it should be. If the Southern Baptist Convention is a Christian gathering, then it is certainly reasonable to expect restraint, proper conduct, and Christian decorum from the messengers.

Records indicate over 80 percent of all "messengers" are pastors, church staff members, denominational workers, or spouses of these. It seems strange that the unseemly conduct in the convention auditorium would come from many who would be first to condemn such action at a meeting

in their local church.

If the present trend continues without self-imposed restraints on the part of messengers, the Southern Baptist Convention could be reduced to a carnival atmosphere, and it is difficult to see how the Lord's business can be conducted and the presence of the Holy Spirit felt under such conditions.

Perhaps a worthy guideline would be, "Would my vocal or otherwise audible response cause other messengers at this convention to be distracted or embarrassed, to feel hurt, or to feel they are targeted?" To me, for the messengers attending the convention to applaud when "their" nominee is elected to an office is very inappropriate — just as inappropriate as applauding in a worship service in

a local church upon the election of seven deacons from a list of 14 nominated.

If we assemble to conduct the Lord's business at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, if we pray that He may be present in the power of the Holy Spirit, consideration should be given to maintaining an atmosphere in the convention hall where the power of the Spirit can be felt. Seldom does the Holy Spirit manifest himself in the midst of confusion; where there is one mind and one purpose, the Holy Spirit can easily be manifest.

Owen Cooper, a retired industrialist in Yazoo City, is a past president of both the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Clergy housing change put off

WASHINGTON (BP) — Resolution of the two-year controversy surrounding tax treatment of clergy and military housing was passed on to the 99th Congress when the 98th Congress adjourned Oct. 12 without agreeing to a solution.

Congressmen and senators entered the debate after an early 1983 Internal Revenue Service ruling reversed a nearly 30-year policy of allowing clergy to take normal mortgage in-

terest and real estate tax deductions, in addition to any tax-exempt housing allowance they received.

As speculation mounted IRS might issue a similar ruling in the case of military personnel who also receive tax-exempt housing allowances, several proposals were introduced on both sides of Capitol Hill to prevent implementation of such rulings for military personnel and clergy.

In the end, Congress managed to

delay until 1986 implementation of the 1983 ruling for clergy who owned or had a contract to purchase their residences as of Jan. 3, 1983. Also, in the final hours of the just completed session, the Senate approved a non-binding resolution expressing its sense that IRS should issue no similar ruling in the case of military housing. But these actions fell far short of the substantive proposals introduced to provide both groups permanent relief from such IRS rulings.

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Robber assaults missionary, gets gospel instead of money

By Mike Chute

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP) — "I'm a believer. Jesus Christ is my Savior," missionary Bill Moseley repeated over and over as the robber pointed a pistol at his stomach.

Moseley, a Southern Baptist missionary from Florida, (his wife, Barbara, is a Mississippian) had just cashed his monthly mission check at a bank in Rio de Janeiro and he was getting into his car when he felt something jabbed into his ribs. A man holding a loaded revolver demanded the briefcase Moseley had already put in the car. When the missionary refused, the robber hit him on the head with the gun butt.

Though stunned, the 6-foot-2 missionary didn't fall. Instead, he proclaimed Christ as his Savior. The robber struck him again, threatened to

kill him, pointed the pistol at Moseley's feet and pulled the trigger. The pistol misfired. He fired again but somehow missed.

At that point, said Moseley, "I think he just realized he wasn't going to get the money without killing me and he just took off." Witnesses said the man jumped on the back of an accomplice's motorcycle and disappeared into afternoon traffic.

The missionary escaped with bumps and bruises and wasn't noticeably shaken by the incident. An avid jogger, he went home and ran nine miles that afternoon. What separated the 46-year-old mission veteran from injury was "the presence of the Lord," he said later. "There's no other explanation."

Harmony CT earns Standard of Excellence

Harmony Church, Winston Association, has earned the Church Training Standard of Excellence for the past year. J. D. Gregory is the Church Training director. James Branscum is the pastor. Jerry Stevens is the associational director of missions.

Under J. D. Gregory's leadership the church has maintained a strong Church Training program for a number of years. They have had a strong emphasis on Children and Youth Bible drills. They annually have a Youth Week emphasis. Their Church Training enrolment is nearly

that of their Sunday School enrolment.

Harmony Baptist Church is the only church in the state applying for standard recognition in Church Training work this past year. Standard achievement indicates that the church has a balanced program of work in Church Training organization, training, planning, resources and growth.

Mose D. Dangerfield, Mississippi's Church Training director, presented the Certificate of Standard Recognition to the pastor and Church Training director recently.



Mose Dangerfield, right, presents the Certificate of Standard Recognition to J. D. Gregory, left, Church Training director at Harmony, and James Branscum, center, Harmony pastor.

Ohio breaks 500 mark

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — The 500th Southern Baptist church in Ohio was constituted as Community Baptist Church, Dover, in Muskingum Valley Association, with about 50 charter members.

The 501st came into being the same afternoon about 200 miles away as Forest Ridge Baptist Church, on

Dayton's north side. Forest Ridge reverted to mission status in 1977 after once being a church, and most recently was sponsored by Far Hills Church, Dayton.

The milestone was reached over a decade after the 400th church was constituted in Worthington Sept. 9, 1973.

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1,150 attend FMB dedication; Parks notes tough decisions



R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board, tells 1,150 participating in a dedication service that the new learning center symbolizes a renewal of commitment to reaching a lost world for Jesus Christ. The 20-building missionary orien-

tation center, located in Rockville, Va., near Richmond, was financed by individual donations apart from regular channels of Southern Baptist giving. (BP) PHOTO By Paul Brock.

By Bob Stanley

RICHMOND, VA. (BP) — Southern Baptists dedicated their new missionary learning center near Richmond Oct. 10 but received a warning that unless missions funding escalates more rapidly, their Foreign Mission Board will face "some very tough decisions" on the number of missionaries it can appoint.

A crowd estimated at 1,150, standing on a grassy hillside under overcast skies, joined denominational and missions leaders in dedicating the new \$15 million orientation facility "for the extension of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth."

Board President R. Keith Parks announced that gifts from more than 1,100 individuals, groups and churches had met the entire cost of the center without the use of any Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or Cooperative Program resources.

Cost of the physical plant was \$9.1 million, with \$6 million in endowment set up to help pay operating costs for the 20-building complex, located on a 244-acre site about 25 miles from Richmond.

The warning about funding came from Parks as he presented the 1985 budget — a record \$144,206,000 — representing a 5.53 percent increase, the lowest in recent years.

Parks said the increase is above the inflation rate and "is nothing to be ashamed of. It is still an exciting, thrilling, and magnificent sum of money," he said, "and there's nothing like it in the Christian world."

But he said the denomination has

not yet had bold financing for its Bold Missions program. He pointed out this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$6 million for foreign missions will require churches to increase their giving by 13.74 percent.

He underscored the "great urgency of these funds being available if we are going to continue in what we are trying to do in world missions."

The board packed the whole gamut

of missions, from appointment to retirement, into its three-day meeting. It appointed 33 new missionaries and reappointed two, honored 31 missionaries retiring with 1,006 years' cumulative service in 18 countries, and still found time to dedicate its new missionary orientation center.

The board actually moved its orientation center. (Continued on page 7)

25 years with CT

Evelyn George to retire

Evelyn George has announced plans to retire Dec. 31, according to Mose Dangerfield, director, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Miss George has been consultant in preschool and children's work with the state Church



Training Department since 1959. At the same time she has served as a consultant in work with the mentally retarded. She said that she plans after retirement to move to her new home at Deerfield, near Canton, 20 miles from Jackson.

Before beginning her work with Church Training 25 years ago, she

had for three years been preschool director at First Church, Jackson.

Other positions she held included a combination job at Highland Church, Dallas, Tex., as secretary and elementary director and later Baptist student director at Florida Southern.

Miss George was born in Stewart, Miss., the daughter of James T. and Linda George. She moved with her family to Jackson when she was in fourth grade. She is a graduate of Central High School, Jackson; Mississippi College; and Southwestern Seminary.

She has served as assistant secretary for the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association and as secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association

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Senate subcommittee conducts illegal video gambling hearings

WASHINGTON (BP) — While citizens in four states prepare to vote on establishment of state-operated lotteries, concern about illegal gambling on video machines surfaced at the national level in Senate oversight hearings.

The hearings were conducted by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Sen. William Roth (R-Del), subcommittee chairman, began hearings by noting "high technology has moved into still another aspect of American life — illegal gambling." Roth said "evidence will show that the machines are often made with features that could only be used for gambling purposes."

Foremost among the video games with which the hearing was concerned were video poker machines which have become widespread within the last two years. One witness, Stephen Hochman of the New York State Coin Machine Association estimated perhaps \$15 billion per year pours through illegal coin operated gambling devices in the United States.

Hochman related testimony of one organized crime figure in Pennsylvania who said monies from these illegal gambling machines financed organized crime killings and expansion of drug operations.

Angelo Aponte, commissioner for consumer affairs for New York City, repeated estimates that income from

illegal gambling machines, primarily video poker machines, was nearly \$750 million in New York alone.

Because of the association of poker with gambling, "people who might never think of gambling find themselves in a situation where others might invite them to break the law," Aponte said. "We are particularly worried about these machines in establishments where

there are children. Our youth are exposed to enough things at an early age that we might not wish to encourage. Now we have them playing five-card stud on the way home from school."

Peoples reviewed for the subcommittee a story of attempted bribes of public officials, acts of violence and threats of murder which occurred in the wake of his investigations and cleanup campaign.



Shiloh Mission in Itawamba County has been constituted as a church. Those who participated in the special service are, left to right, Martin Hayden, pastor, First Church, Fulton, the sponsoring church; Charles Pickering, Laurel, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Hoyt Cates, pastor, Shiloh, Church; Ed Deuschle, pastor, Trinity Church, Fulton, and moderator, of Itawamba Association.

Foreign missionaries available to speak

Donald and Barbara Anne Phlegar, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in Jackson for a two months' furlough.

Both the Phlegars will be available for speaking engagements in Mississippi churches as their time permits.

They will be living with one of their daughters while on furlough. The address is 1221 St. Ann, Jackson 39202, and the phone number is 353-2310.

Shiloh Church is constituted

Shiloh Mission in Mantachie, Itawamba County, was constituted as a church on Aug. 19. The mission was started in June of 1983 with the support of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Itawamba County Association, and First Baptist Church of Fulton, the mother church.

Charles Pickering, president, Mississippi Baptist Convention, deli-

vered the constitution message. The constituting service took place in the new Shiloh sanctuary which was completed in February, 1984.

The pastor of Shiloh is Hoyte Cates. There were 36 charter members, and now the church has 42 members, reports Randy Ashley, chairman of deacons. Seventy-five were present for the worship service on Oct. 14.

Mose Dangerfield's mother dies

Mrs. Lila Dangerfield died Oct. 17, after a long illness. She was the mother of Mose Dangerfield, director, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. She was a widow.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Russell Funeral Home, Monck's Corner, S.C.

"Bless God, the preacher with his message is divinely reinforced." — J. B. Gambrell



DeKalb men lay pipe in Belize

Four young men from the DeKalb Church have returned from Belize, Central America, where they worked outside the city of Bellmopan on a farm which, is a Southern Baptist agricultural mission ministry. Young boys learn, in a Christian atmosphere, better ways of farming. The DeKalb men's mission was to pipe fresh water through a 3-inch PVC pipe from a mountain spring to the farm. The 1700-foot pipe was laid through dense jungle. Before the four left, there was running water in the farm house, reports J. Hal Bates, DeKalb pastor. The men who laid the pipe are, left to right: Roy Vandevender, Henry Long, group leader Aubrey Dodson, Troy Coward and Doug Benson.



Cooper honored at FMB

Owen Cooper, center, Mississippi industrialist from Yazoo City, talks with Eletha, left, and W. W. Walley of Waynesboro at dedication ceremonies for a new Southern Baptist missionary learning center in Rockville, Va. Friends of Cooper's in Mississippi and elsewhere raised \$160,000 so that the learning center's auditorium could be named after Cooper and his wife, Elizabeth. Friends chose to honor Cooper for his involvement in missions as a layman, said Jerry Jackson, vice-president for development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Walley, a Waynesboro physician, is a member of the Foreign Mission Board representing Mississippi. Photo by Warren Johnson.



First Church, Houston held a coronation-recognition service for Mission Friends, GAs and Acteens Sunday Evening, Oct. 7. Fifty-five young people and their leaders participated in the service. Pictured are the mission organizations with their leaders. Mrs. Lillian Lowe is WMU director at First Church. Kenneth A. Marler is Pastor.

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Mississippians participate in Argentina conference

At least nine Mississippians attended the first evangelism conference ever held in Argentina earlier this month. The conference was in preparation for an evangelism crusade that Mississippi Baptists plan for Argentina in the spring of 1985.

The conference was held on the campus of the Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires. The registration was 605 from all over the country. There was a report of one woman from Azul who attended the conference even though it meant losing the lease on

her home and posing a sizeable difficulty in finding another place to live.

Guy Henderson, director of evangelism for Mississippi Baptists, spoke twice during the conference on revival preparation. The evangelism crusade will be the climax of a five-year partnership arrangement between Mississippi and the Baptists of Argentina. The partnership has been a part of the Rio de la Plata ministry including the three countries of Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. There will be a crusade also in Uruguay during the time of the

Argentina crusade.

Seven vocalists from Broadmoor Church, Jackson, attended the conference to present special music. The eighth member of the group, Bennie Fizzell, was not able to attend. Those who did make the trip were J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor, and his wife, Gail, of the Baptist Record; Kerry and Nan Grantham; James and Mignonne Tadlock; and Corinne Fizzell. The accompanist was Jim Grantham, son of the Kerry Granthams and a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. The singing group is known as the Joyful Sounds.

Jason Carlisle, missionary to Uruguay and a graduate of William Carey College, was on hand to translate for the conference. Carlisle served as the first coordinator for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in the partnership arrangement.

Missionary David Glaze of Clinton handled the audio engineering and the taping. Beverly Terrell of Dallas, Texas, was also at the conference to present special music.

Missionaries Mel Plunk and Leon White planned the conference.

The evangelism crusade will be held in April, May, and June of next year in Argentina, Henderson said. There will be 60 teams going to lead revival services in more than 120 churches and preaching points. More teams are needed to fill the commitments, Henderson noted. It will be the largest evangelism endeavor undertaken during the partnership effort. Don Mines, missionary to Argentina, is the coordinator for Mississippi Baptists. A church in the Tierra del Fuego area of Argentina, is asking for a team. It is the southernmost Baptist church in the world.

For the crusade in Uruguay there will be 15 teams involved for 49 churches and 18 preaching points, Henderson said. He visited Uruguay while on the trip in preparation for the crusade. Uruguay churches will be paired with Mississippi churches for prayer prior to the crusade, he said.



The Joyful Sounds of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, sing at an evangelism conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Left to right are Kerry Grantham, Corinne Frizzell, Nan Grantham, Gail Wood, Mignonne Tadlock, James Tadlock, and J. M. Wood.



Jason Carlisle, missionary to Uruguay, translates for Beverly Terrell, soloist from Dallas, Texas, as she addresses the evangelism conference in Buenos Aires.



Mel Plunk, missionary to Argentina, presides at the evangelism conference in Buenos Aires.

Lebanese meet despite barriers

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Some 300 people from all over Lebanon came to Beirut in August for the first national Baptist conference to be held since 1980.

Thirteen Baptists traveled by boat from their village near Sidon, since roads are closed between central Lebanon and the Israeli-controlled south. Believers from Tripoli in the north and the Bekaa Valley near the Syrian border took narrow back roads to avoid potential danger.

"It has taken Baptists in Lebanon 25 years to double their membership the first time, but I am convinced that by the year 1990 our number will double once more," said Ghassan Khalaf, Lebanese Baptist Convention president.



Jim Grantham, student at the University of Southern Mississippi, accompanies the Joyful Sounds of Broadmoor Church in Jackson as they sing at an evangelism conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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"CRISTO:

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Jason Carlisle, left, missionary to Uruguay, translates for Thurman Bryant, area director for Eastern South America, at a Buenos Aires evangelism conference.

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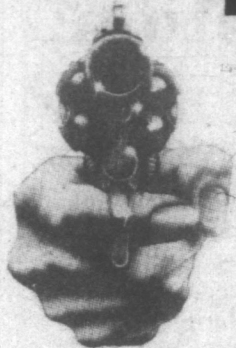
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How to maintain interest in the church

Q. How can you help a person who is an alcoholic to take an interest in church when it seems the preacher's approach to the subject of drinking is mainly condemnation?

A. The first thing you can do to help your alcoholic friend to take an interest in church is to understand him and the nature of his disease. Your concern for him can motivate you in the approach you take. But don't fall for the games he may try to play or his excuses. Pray for him, talk with him, and help him to recognize that the problem he has calls for a willingness to go to any length for recovery.

The problem of helping an alcoholic take an interest in church is two fold. Alcoholics, for one

reason or another, begin to lose spiritual interests and a general deterioration often is noticeable. The other part of the problem is that some ministers have trouble distinguishing between alcoholism and the person, himself, who is afflicted with the disease. We are not to lose sight of that person whom God loves and for whom there is still potential for a changed life.

One may deal with usage of alcohol or drugs from the pulpit for the profit of everyone if we are factual, informative, and compassionate. Much can be said for the sake of understanding from the pulpit in hopes of recovery and rehabilitation of the person who is chemically dependent.

First Acteen mother-daughter weekend set

Mrs. Paul D. Lee, missionary to Barcelona, Spain, will be one of a panel of speakers at Mississippi's first Acteens' Mother/Daughter weekend Nov. 9 and 10 at Camp Garaywa.

Acteens are girls 12 to 17 years of age or who are in grades seven through 12. Each girl must be accompanied by her mother or a mother substitute, a spokesman said. The cost is \$15 per person, and the registration deadline is Nov. 2. Reservations should be sent to the Woman's Missionary Union, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The theme for the weekend will be "Teach Us Thy Way." The WMU emphasis for 1984-85 is "By Love Compelled."

Other speakers include Christy Lee, the 15-year-old daughter of Paul and Brenda Lee. The Lees are living in Starkville during their furlough from the mission field. Missionary speakers will also include Kathy Butts of Jackson, a journeyman to Zimbabwe.

Leading the Bible studies and the music will be Mrs. Lee McAllister, the interim youth minister at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo. Also on the program will be Mrs. Russell Crider of Clinton, a college teacher and counselor. She is a faculty member in the Department of Education and Psychology at Mississippi College.

The purpose for this first Acteens Mother/Daughter weekend will be to provide Acteens and their mothers an opportunity for fellowship, inspiration, growth, and communication through Christian camping, according to D. P. Smith, Acteens director for Mississippi Baptists. Other mother/daughter weekends have been for GAs, who are elementary school students.

Miss Smith said the participants are being asked to bring casual clothes, a Bible, a notebook, and a pen or pencil.

Revival Dates

Cherry Park, Clinton: Oct. 28-31; Sun. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Gary M. Bowlin, full-time evangelist; Tommy Byrd, minister of music at Cherry Park, music evangelist; Hollis Alderman, pastor.

Tuckers Crossing, Laurel: Oct. 28-Nov. 2; Larry Goff, pastor, Friendship Church, Ellisville, evangelist; Perry Robinson, First Church, Ellisville, music director; services Sun. Oct. 28, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m.; Eddie Bryant, pastor.

Singing at Forest Hill

Forest Hill Church, Jackson, presents gospel concert, Sunday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.; "Georgia" is composed of all male singers; no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Bible society volunteers

Editor:

Just a brief note to thank you for finding a place for the ABS, story on the two ABS volunteers from Mississippi in the pages of The Baptist Record.

Although I know you will have heard it before, there is no way to overemphasize the growing hunger for God's Word that exists in so much of the world. To be true to our mandate we must strive to keep pace with it.

The more your readers can know about this need through your pages, the better we are able to fill the void. And I say this with utter conviction because the Bible Society has a huge task before it, now and in the long haul.

Again, thank you for all the good work you are doing in keeping your readers informed, not just about Bible Society matters but also the many other things that matter to them.

John A. Duguid
Director, News Bureau
American Bible Society
New York

Gulfshore needs piano

Editor:

Since Gulfshore opened in 1978, it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as pianist for six or seven conferences each summer. In addition to the wonderful living accommodations, the great food, the beautiful setting, the excellent conference facilities, I have had some of the spiritual and fellowship highlights of my life there.

Is anything lacking? Yes! The piano in the auditorium is AWFUL! I think it could be described as not having much more response and tonal quality than a toy piano. Even though the organ is quite adequate for the assembly, the piano is used most for soloists, etc., which makes the problem worse.

On behalf of all the fine musicians who play this instrument, I am pleading with someone to do something. And, could I make a couple of suggestions? 1. Please have a competent musician serve on any committee formed to investigate the purchase of a new piano, and 2. Please don't accept the lowest bid — the cheapest is not necessarily the best.

Thank you for listening.
Irene Martin
Forest, Miss.

Lower liquor limit

Editor:

Isn't it significant that of the 18 people who presented their views concerning the legal age for alcohol consumption on Oct. 11 at the Lee County Library, only one was for the lower age limit? The other 17, including doctors, lawyers, judges, educators, law enforcement personnel, and students themselves, were for raising the legal age. The only person advocating the lower age was a restaurant and lounge owner from Oxford. Perhaps the reason for this is that the first group has to contend with the tragic results of teenage

drug (ALCOHOL) abuse and/or use, and the other one only has to contend with the problem of spending his blood money. It is apparent that the people who care for MONEY want to increase it!

The old excuse, "they will get it anyway," just does not hold up under close examination. Certainly SOME will get alcohol, just as SOME do get other drugs now, but not as many! In Memphis, Tenn. in 1970 or 1971, the same old worn-out excuse was used by the liquor industry that they couldn't contend with all the 18-20 year olds who were using fake identification to buy booze. So, they contended, if the city would just lower the legal age it would solve the problem. It really did! Liquor consumption by the 18-20 year olds increased dramatically, and the 14-17 year olds began using fake identification. The only thing lowering the legal age for consumption does is open a newer, younger group for the bloodsuckers' cash registers.

When the bootleggers were on the backroads in Lee County in 1967, only 23 percent of our teenagers used alcohol. Now 45 percent admit to using it. And no wonder! The drugstores, grocery stores, and service stations have changed the bootleggers' business hours. I think it is time for the authorities to start "controlling" the flow of booze as was promised when it was legalized. As I remember, only restaurants that receive over 50 percent of income from food sales are to be allowed to "sell" booze. What happened?

Doyle B. Cooper
Tupelo

The single pastor

Editor:

I am writing in response to the articles in the Baptist Record on the Single Pastor. I am having to deal with the same response as other single pastors have: rejection and discouragement. During my ministry, I have had a few churches that have called on me about accepting positions in their church; but the questions I hear the most are, "Are you married?" and "Do you have a Seminary Degree?" I will say that education is important, and I believe that every person should get the best education possible, but the issue is not a seminary degree but a wedding band on the hand. I have been rejected just because I was not married. I feel like this is a feeling of discrimination against single pastors because churches feel they have to have a married pastor in order to fulfill their obligations as a church.

I believe one day I will be married, and I will be one day; but as of right now, God has called me to be a minister of the Word, and I believe God will lead me into marriage later on in life. But what God has in store for me right now is to develop me to be the best I can be as a pastor and to minister to others. If a church calls on a single pastor to serve, I believe that he will be more useful and more available to the flock of the church. A single pastor can spend more time with the church, its members and take care of the flock he has been called to minister to. He is not tied down to a big responsibility of a wife and family, and therefore He can spend

time ministering to the needs of the people of his church. I personally know for myself, I can be a more effective minister right now being single than I would be if I was married. I am free to go and talk to others about their problems and spiritual needs and I can spend as much time as I need doing this knowing that I am not on a schedule of having to be at home tending to other needs.

Don't get me wrong, I want to be married someday, but I will be when God tells me to be. I look forward to family life one day but as of right now, God is using this time to prepare me for a ministry in the pastorate and I feel being single is an opportunity to get the experience necessary for my calling.

Kelly Travis
Seminary Student
and Member
of Bethel Church,
Pearl River Association

Homecomings

Lake Washington First, Glen Allan; homecoming, Oct. 28; Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.; Jim Snowden, guest speaker; dinner on grounds; afternoon service, 1:30 p.m.; Homebound Quartet; David Rogers, pastor.

Ridgecrest, 1931 Edwards St., Hattiesburg; homecoming, Oct. 28; Athens McNeil, Griffin Street, Moss Point, former pastor, guest speaker; covered dish, dinner on the grounds; noteburning service, church history given and special singing; no night service; Cecil Walters, pastor.

First Church, Clinton: homecoming, Oct. 28; J. W. Middleton, former pastor, guest preacher for the morning services 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Middleton, former pastor of First, Shreveport, followed the late B. H. Lovelace as pastor of the Clinton church. Tanner Riley, University Church, Fayetteville, Ark., former minister of music, special music; in place of dinner - on the grounds, special buffet luncheon served in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center at Mississippi College, \$3 per person; Bill Baker, pastor.

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams



Jessie, Swiss Boy, and Penrose St. Amant

At Tree Tops on Rotten Bayou

When I called Dr. Penrose St. Amant, he said, "I can't tell you how to get to my house. We'll just have to meet you somewhere and show you the way." He and his wife, Jessie, met W. D. and me at the gate to Diamondhead, north of Bay St. Louis. She jumped into the car with us so we could talk while her husband drove on ahead and acted as a guide.

Immediately she put me at ease by saying she was a graduate of Blue Mountain College and had clipped my articles on J. S. Riser and Frances Tyler. We drove a few miles, passed a cemetery, and then forked into a road that curved through woods, to the driveway of a house on a high bank by Rotten Bayou. A sign said: Tree Tops. "This," I thought, "is just exactly the type of quiet place in the woods I've always wanted to own."

The house is a split level, a screened porch underneath the living room, high steps leading up to the living area like in a lot of the old houses of his native Louisiana. And it really is in the tops of the trees which grow from a lower level of the steep slope.

Some years ago I had heard Dr. St. Amant preach at First Baptist Church, Jackson, so I expected his hair still to be black, but it and his sideburns are white, a nice contrast to his blue eyes. He bade us welcome to his house and introduced us to Swiss Boy, their Yorkshire terrier. "He'll let you know when he's ready for you to go home." (and he did. A couple of hours later, he thought we'd had enough attention, so he began barking.) After Pierre Talesphore, a toy French poodle, died at age 18, the St. Amants got a Yorkshire terrier. When a big dog killed him in San Francisco, they flew to Switzerland to get Swiss Boy, from a friend there.

Penrose St. Amant is senior professor of church history at Southern Seminary. He and Jessie have an apartment in Louisville, Ky., he said, where they live for eight or nine months of the year. During summers and some holidays, they live at Tree Tops in Mississippi. From 1971 to 1977

he was president of the International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland. "Being a senior professor, he observed, is 'like being a designated hitter in baseball. I'm free to do some teaching and some writing.'" His current writing project is a history of the Church History Department at Southern Seminary.

The whole wall of the house on the side of the bayou is made of windows. From the living room we could look down at a squirrel sitting in the middle of a bird feeder, and birds circling him. "This must be like the Tree Tops Hotel in Kenya," I supposed, "with all the animals on display." Stained glass designs decorated the windows, representing cities, or cantons, in Switzerland. Two walls of the room were filled with books, from floor to cathedral ceiling.

They explained that the construction work going on at the end of the house was to add a library. "I want all these books moved into the library before I retire," he said. "After I'm retired I don't want to look at books all the time! Also I need to get my books off the dining table and into the library-study." (The dining table is in a corner of the living room, by the windows.)

Has he read all these books? He laughed. Not all, but many. He has a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary and doctor of philosophy degree from University of Edinburgh. And he can speak German, Latin, Greek, and some French. "I brought many of these books in Scotland, at good prices, when I was studying there." Some of the books belonged to his father, who was a lay preacher.

Shelves on the fourth wall hold objects of art from many countries, for the St. Amants have traveled widely. Once they drove from Edinburgh to Israel in ten weeks. "We had forty flat tires" he said—"or it seemed like that many." The clock on one shelf was a gift when they left Zurich. The big blue Meissen pot is from Munich. "There was no way we could pack it, so I carried it in my hands all

Names in the News

Jonathan McCord Daniels was recently ordained to preach by Immanuel Church, Cleveland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Daniels of Cleveland and is a student at Mississippi College. The ordination message was delivered by Malcolm Massey of West Jackson Church, Jackson, where he is on the staff as associate/youth minister.

Jerry Brownlee, former pastor of Pine Grove Church in Yalobusha County, is now available for supply or interim. He can be contacted at P. O. Drawer S, Grenada, Miss. 38901 or call 601-226-7373.



RONNY WHITE, left, minister of music, Pine Grove Church, Neshoba County was honored Sept. 16. The day was declared "Ronny White Day." The worship hour was spent with members expressing their appreciation for his service. Letters were read from others and a check for \$500 was presented by the pastor, Curtis L. Guess, right, as an expression of thanks from the church. Following the program, a fellowship meal was held in his honor, including a cake to celebrate his birthday. White has served almost 14 years at Pine Grove.



The GAs of Damascus Church, Franklin County recently held a recognition service, the theme was centered around "The Rainbow." Left to right: Diana Ard, Tracy Barfoot, Jenny Travis, Kay Abbey, Heather Grice, Denise Russell, and Currie Lee. Not pictured is Page Wilson. Leaders are Beth Abbey and Mrs. Kay Grice.

the way from Germany to here."

In the kitchen, a design in batik depicts the administration building at the seminary in Ruschlikon. In a bedroom, a large painting of the Golden Gate Bridge is a reminder of sessions when he taught at Golden Gate Seminary. They served us ice cold grape juice, and with it proffered napkins imprinted with a map of Zurich, 1646.

"We bought this land way back when Penrose was teaching at New Orleans Seminary," said Jessie. "One section—100 acres—of a large estate was being sold. We divided the section with another couple; each of us bought 50 acres."

We walked down to the dock to look at the boathouse, a floating one that goes up and down with the tide.

"Come back to see us," they said, "and we will take you in our boat all the way from here to Gulfshore."

(Continued next week)

1,150 attend dedication; Parks warns . . .

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tation facility from Callaway Gardens, Ga., to the new center earlier this year. The second crop of new missionaries trained at the center, just winding up eight weeks' preparation for overseas service, helped play host to hundreds of visitors from across the nation and the Richmond area.

Baker James Cauthen, who spearheaded Southern Baptist foreign missions for 26 years as the board's executive director, and his wife, Eloise Glass Cauthen, took part. The learning center is named for the Cauthens.

A trio of speakers represented the roles of the local church, missions education and the denomination in Southern Baptists' Bold Missions effort to share the gospel with all people of the world by the year 2000.

Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and head of the board's human resources committee in the formative stages of the new learning center, said that "if we do what God has called us to do in the local church, missionaries can come here with their hearts burning with compassion to reach our world for Christ."

He urged churches to be vehicles of communication for information about the challenge of missions and vehicles

of inspiration. "Very few missionaries will be called out of a fragmented, decimated, broken, fractious membership," he warned.

Carolyn Weatherford, Woman's Missionary Union executive director, pledged "to the memory of missionaries past, to the commitment of missionaries present, to the promises of missionaries future, our continuing quality missions education in their behalf and for their support."

Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention's Executive Committee, said the new center will be a place where missions knowledge from the days of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to the present will be pooled for the benefit of both new and furloughing missionaries.

The latest group of 45 journeymen, approved during this board meeting, will begin orientation at the center in January.

The board meeting preceding the dedication underscored Southern Baptists' partnership with overseas Baptists related to their work.

In response to a motion made at the annual SBC in Kansas City, Mo., the board reaffirmed its present policy concerning appointment of couples with teen-age children. The human resources committee reported it had carefully restudied the question raised at the convention but had determined it would be unwise to change present policy.

Bob Stanley writes for FMB.



A young autograph collector eagerly checks the signature of Everley Hayes. Known for her early medical work in China with missionary doctor Bill Wallace and 30 years of service in Indonesia, Hayes was among 31 emeritus missionaries honored by the Foreign Mission Board Oct. 9 at Richmond's New Bridge Baptist Church. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo.

Evelyn George

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and for Southwestern Alumni in Mississippi.

She is a member of Southern Baptist Association for Children Under Six; Mississippi Association for Children Under Six; and the National Association for Female Executives.

In 1981-82 she was listed in Who's Who of American Women.

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My friend Bill and his lovely wife have become bright lights to many who know, love and see them daily in their dedicated and busy lives.

What is greater in this dark world than loving dedication under divine guidance in the cause of Christ ministering well to the needy in the name of the Great King!

Then in the eternal and happy heavenly home such beautiful service will glitter as jewels of splendor in the perfect social order!

—Mark Lowry
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Empty

There it was Lord. You placed it in my path one day. An empty turtle shell, the occupant gone away. No question about it, a living, breathing being once lived attached inside this seemingly invincible house. Now it is vacant. Just a shell.

By this object you spoke quite well. Without you in my life, my life is empty and void as this shell. Yes, outward beauty oft-times I possess with many colors, a facade of hollowness inside.

Yet I am nothing, never moving or growing or being and becoming the very essence of what you, my creator, designed me for. That is the beholder of your indwelling Holy Spirit that I might move and breathe and have life more abundantly from within, not just without. Fill my cup, Lord, my shell, my very self, that I may be
Totally whole.

—Lynda Philley Tharp
Greenville
(inspired by
Nan Emma Ellis)

Trying

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah. I am weak, but thou art strong." I am striving for the rhythm and the words to make a song.

"Thou art able", said the Master

To rejoice and praise his name.

Help me, Lord, for I am helpless —

Lift, support, and heal my frame.

Tho' the way at times seems dreary

"Take my life and let it be"

Bright and useful — not so weary —

When I dream of serving thee.

Let my prayer have more of giving

When I know not what to say.

"Others first" — that makes for "liv-

ing" —

And a song will "bloom" that day.

Lillian Peters Whitten

Macon

Autumn delight

On a typical fall day I rise at first light I can't afford to miss any of Autumn's delight

The cool, crisp air, the mist o'er the hill

I step outside, breathe deeply, my, what a thrill!

Colorful leaves crunch under my feet

A squirrel scurries away with a leap.

The scent of woodsmoke hangs in the air

As the sun rises, the sky is so fair.

How can you doubt that my God is great

As you see all the color and beauty he makes?

Somehow I feel he is closer to me

In Autumn when all of his beauty I see.

Ruth Norsworthy Crager
State Line

Missionaries on furlough

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi are:

David and Linda Finnell, Singapore, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson 39216; Larry and Cheryl Cox, Bourkina Fasso, Box 390, Vicksburg 39180; Paul and Brenda Lee, Spain, 207 S. Washington, Starkville, 39759; Don and Margie Mines, Argentina, Pine Trails Apts., Apt. M-5, Clinton 39056; James and Mary Slack, Philippines, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson 39204;

James and Gwen Young, Bangladesh, 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City 39194; Gerald and Glenda Davis, Philippines, 520 Magazine St., Tupelo 38801; Jerry and Glenda White, Korea, 416 Ford, Columbia, 39429; Shirley Jackson, Brazil, 4 Elm St., Natchez 39120; Antonina Canzoneri, Bahamas, 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson 39209; Ron and Sue Ballard, Paraguay, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg 39401; Jerry and Joyce Spires, Malawi, c/o Van Winkle Baptist Church, 4240 Carter Circle, Jackson 39209; Mary Dann Stampley, Ghana, c/o Mrs. Hubert Alexander, 3030 Oak Forest Drive, Jackson 39212.

Walk and hold my hand

Walk beside me, precious Jesus,

Take my hand and hold it tight

Lest the tempest in the valley

Sweep me into darkest night.

Walk with me upon the mountain,

Hold my hand lest I should fall,

For the way that lies before me

Looks so rugged, steep, and tall.

Walk with me through troubled waters

Hold my hand and calm my soul

Let me hold thy staff and rod

While the billows round me roll.

Walk with me in rays of sunshine

Hold my hand in joys sublime,

May the beauty of thy presence

anchor me in love divine.

Walk with me in sun or shadow,

Hold my hand forever more.

Grasp it specially tight, dear Lord,

When I cross to heaven's shore!

—Alma Lee Isbell
Amory

Magic

If I had the gift of magic; I'd do so many things, Give some weary soul a lift— So he'd just about take wings. Comfort one who is bereaved And give his heart a lift, I would do so many things If I only had the gift. I'd wipe a child's weepy eyes; Till they were nice and dry, And not ignore the heavy heart— To heal it I would try. I'd boost the down-and-outers up, And give the others hope, Encourage each to tie a knot And hang on to the rope. I'd help the lame to walk again, And cause the blind to see, Now should I dismiss these thoughts Since there's just one of me? Then I pause for quiet reflection, Concerning this precious gift to man, Each of us has magic touches; Just by doing what we can.

—Mildred H. Bell
Grenada

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Oct. 28 High Attendance Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)
Oct. 29-30 Senior Adult Choir and Handbell Festival; Broadmoor BC, Jackson; 10 a.m., 29th-2:30 p.m., 30th (CM)



Clarke receives check from Mott estate

Lowrey Compere, past president of Clarke College and Ron Kirkland, dean of academic affairs, are shown (left to right) receiving a check in the amount of \$27,525.93 as bequeathed in the will of Mrs. Ruth Mott, life long resident of Newton. Presenting the check are Mrs. Lucille Brantley and Mrs. Joyce James, nieces of Mrs. Mott.

Students plan for MISSION 85

NASHVILLE — As many as 14 busloads of college students will caravan to Nashville from Oklahoma for MISSION 85 Dec. 27-31.

Other state Baptist student departments also are making plans to bring large groups of students to Nashville for the missions conference at the Opryland Hotel during the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Almost 2,000 students already have registered for the four-day conference planned to provide information about Southern Baptist mission work around the world.

Rollin DeLap, MISSION 85 coordinator, is consultant, national student ministries, Sunday School Board.

With more than 100 home and foreign missionaries and denominational specialists in missions participating, the conference "touches every kind of ministry in home and foreign missions," DeLap said.

Featured speakers include Nathan Porter, consultant, disaster relief and domestic hunger, Home Mission Board; Mildred McWhorter, home missionary, inner city, Houston, Tex.; Henry Cabalang, pastor, University Baptist Church, Manila, Philippines; Oscar Romo, director of the language missions division, Home Mission Board; Richard Goodgame, medical missionary, Kampala, Uganda; and Ken Lyle, executive director-treasurer, Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Also featured on the program will be R. Keith Parks, president of the Foreign Mission Board.

MISSION 85 is sponsored by national student ministries of the Sun-

day School Board in cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Other contributing agencies are the Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

More information about MISSION 85 may be obtained from National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

Board member's wife dies

Mrs. Helen Jean Sellers, age 52, wife of B. C. Sellers, Sr., who is pastor of Oakland Church, and a Mississippi Baptist Convention Board member, died Oct. 7, at her home in Oakland. Mrs. Sellers had been in ill health for many years. Prior to her illness, she served as pianist in Oakland Church of which she was a member, and was active in all church organizations.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at Oakland Church, with Guy Reedy of Water Valley and Ira Griffin of Jackson officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Rose Marie Caulder of Brookhaven and Mrs. Pamela Jean Donaldson of Memphis; two sons, B. C. Sellers, Jr. of Water Valley and Herbert Neal Sellers of Oakland; her mother, Mrs. Ida Mae Staten of Holcomb; two sisters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

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I do not believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on men unless they act. — Gilbert K. Chesterton.

So long as he must fight his way, the man of genius pushes forward, conquering and to conquer. — Thomas Buxton.

HMB directors adopt \$62.7 million budget

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors adopted a \$62.7 million budget for 1985, elected a new associate director of military chaplaincy and appointed eight new associate missionaries during their fall meeting.

The 1985 budget is an increase of \$4.7 million or 7.5 percent over the 1984 budget of about \$58 million.

The biggest portion of the 1985 budget will go to support the work of 3,792 home missionaries working in all 50 states of the nation, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Although it is the largest budget ever adopted by the board, HMB Planning Vice-President Leonard Irwin pointed out the board had to cut \$1 million in missions, evangelism, and church starting projects which had been financed by the board during the previous two years. These were special projects which the board was under no obligation to continue, but almost all were effective and would have been continued had funds been available, said Irwin.

He said a shortfall of \$1.2 million in Cooperative Program income for 1984, plus an increase of only 2.8 per-

cent for 1985 in Cooperative Program income prevented the board from continuing support for the projects.

The largest portion of the \$62.7 million budget, a total of more than \$32.5 million, will go to pay salaries and fringe benefits of home missions personnel. The 1985 budget includes an increase of \$1.75 million for health and life insurance benefits for missions personnel.

During his annual report to the directors, Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner said that last year, home missions personnel reported 63,739 professions of faith in Jesus Christ, plus almost 40,000 other commitments and decisions as a result of their ministries.

During other business, the directors elected Lew Burnett, Army chaplain at Ft. McPherson near Atlanta, to a newly-created position as associate director of military chaplaincy, effective Jan. 1, 1985.

Burnett, 53, has been an Army chaplain for 23 years, serving in such posts as Korea, Vietnam, Ft. Sam Houston and Ft. Hood in Texas, Ft. Rucker in Alabama, and Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. He holds the rank of colonel.

He will be assigned to assist the

director of military chaplaincy, Pat Davis, with the board's process of endorsing military chaplains and in implementing plans and programs to promote chaplaincy ministries.

Directors also approved the transfer of Bill Rutledge, the board's language missions program leader for Alabama, to direct the HMB refugee resettlement office in Atlanta.

Rutledge a native of Tennessee, has been a home missionary since 1968, working with Spanish-speaking people in Idaho, New Mexico and Alabama.

Directors approved 89 persons to receive field or language pastoral assistance, six persons for administrative positions, and seven new church planter apprentices, in addition to appointment of eight missionary associates.

The directors adopted resolutions of appreciation for the work of Helen Fling, who is retiring from her joint position with the Home Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union; Joe Carl Johnson, who is retiring as associate director of the church loans division.

Jim Newton writes for HMB.

Southern Seminary faculty affirms commitment to Bible

LOUISVILLE, KY. (BP) — In a unanimous vote, the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has adopted a resolution affirming belief "without reservation, in the inspiration and authority of the Bible and all that the Bible affirms about itself."

The document, "A Resolution of Gratitude and Commitment to Southern Baptists," expresses thanks to Southern Baptists for 125 years of prayer and financial support of theological education through Southern seminary, and reaffirms the faculty's commitment to "Jesus Christ as Lord and to the centrality of the Bible for all matters of faith and practice."

The resolution commends to all Southern Baptists historic Baptist beliefs concerning soul competency, liberty of conscience, and the

priesthood of all believers, and specifically supports the statement on the Bible included in the 1963 "Baptist Faith and Message" statement.

The Southern seminary faculty called on Southern Baptists to join in reaffirming "the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the authority of the Bible, the ethical imperatives of the gospel, the unity of the Southern Baptist Convention with all its diversity, (and) our cooperative partnership as Southern Baptists in education, evangelism, and world missions."

Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt said the resolution should encourage Southern Baptists the faculty "consists of dedicated Christian teachers who are committed to the Lordship of Christ and to the inspiration and authority of Scripture."

The resolution was adopted on the 125th anniversary of Southern seminary. The seminary was found-

ed in 1859 in Greenville, S.C. In 1877 the seminary was moved to Louisville.

The document reaffirmed the group's commitment "to teach in accordance with and not contrary to the Abstract of Principles, the oldest confessional statement governing a Southern Baptist institution or agency." Since the seminary's founding, each seminary professor has signed the Abstract, agreeing to teach in accord with its twenty theological principles.

Citing 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:20-21, the resolution declares the faculty's belief in "the inspiration of Scriptures" and "the inspiration of the Biblical writers." The resolution stated the faculty's "continuing fidelity to the... historic statements which have guided Southern seminary and the Southern Baptist Convention."

Christ is Prince of Peace, Graham tells Russians

MOSCOW, Russia (EP) Billy Graham returned from his 12-day Russian tour exhausted but exhilarated at the end of a preaching mission that took him from Moscow to Leningrad, to Tallinn on the Baltic Sea and the new academic center of Novosibirsk in Western Siberia. He said it was the "most intense and exhausting" mission of his career as he spoke over 50 times in sermons, lectures, speeches and greetings at special receptions.

"There were no restrictions on my message," Graham stated, "but there

were restrictions on where I could preach... in accordance with Soviet law all services were held on church property." In Leningrad and Novosibirsk loudspeakers were used to carry the services to overflow throngs outside audiences which included many young people.

Sermons by Graham dealt with the topics he has used throughout his 40 years of ministry. They included "The Meaning of the Cross," "The Good Shepherd," the "I Am" titles of Christ, and others. Each message was concluded with a personal appeal

for his listeners to become followers of Christ. In the Baptist churches he asked for a show of hands by those making a decision. Responses in Leningrad and Tallinn were remarkably high, he said.

The issue of world peace was also featured prominently at each meeting Graham said. "If we are to have peace in our world," Graham told several audiences, "it will come from Christ, the Prince of Peace." He stressed that he had come as an ambassador of Christ, not as a politician, but made a point of telling the Rus-

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Mexican students start campus evangelism project

MEXICO CITY (BP) — At one of the world's largest universities, Baptist Student Union members have developed an ambitious plan to share Christ with other students.

Hundreds of thousands of students attend the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City. Led by Southern Baptist representative Lloyd Mann of Oklahoma, young Baptists on campus have developed a deep concern for fellow students struggling with Marxism, drugs and other challenges.

Beginning this fall, Baptist churches in Mexico City are helping the Baptist students sponsor campus evangelism, choir concerts, sports

events and family life conferences (for married students).

Any student who shows interest in becoming a Christian is contacted by a Baptist who offers friendship, answers questions and invites the student to church. Interested students also are given packets containing Bible correspondence courses.

"Many students have no hope, no joy in living," reported Judy Garrett, Southern Baptist representative from Texas in Mexico. "They are studying to meet family expectations or to be able to earn more money. To many, existence is (only) material, physical, human. They don't realize the spiritual aspect of man, his need for God."

Laity is focus of renewal conference

TOCCOA, Ga. — Current issues facing church laity will be the focus of the National Renewal Evangelism Conference here Oct. 31-November 4.

Reid Hardin, director of the evangelism support for the Home Mission Board, and sponsor of the conference, said the conference will feature discussions on priesthood of the believer, requirements of a minister, and criteria for being the people of God.

T. W. Hunt, professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary, will answer questions about prayer and examine Biblical prayers. Jack Taylor, author of *The Hallelujah Factor* and *An Adventure into Principle and Practice of Praise*, will conduct a biblical study of praise.

Other speakers include Delos Miles, associate professor of evangelism at Southeastern Seminary; John Havlik, retired from the HMB Evangelism Section; and M. Thomas Starks, professor of Christian missions and world religions at New Orleans Seminary.

For more information and to register, contact the Evangelism Support Department, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30367, or phone 404/873-4041.

You come into this world with nothing and the purpose of it is to make something out of nothing.

Conference centers accept summer staff applications

NASHVILLE — Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers are accepting applications for employment on the 1985 summer staffs.

According to George Boswell, Ridgecrest personnel services coordinator, applicants for the Ridgecrest staff must be between 18 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 27 through Aug. 24, with the possibility of working through Labor Day.

At Glorieta, applicants must be between 17 and 70 years of age and be available to work from May 26 through Aug. 18 with the possibility of working through Labor Day, according to Rusty Fulks, personnel services coordinator.

Available positions at both conference centers include food service, day camp, preschool, recreation, housekeeping, registration, business offices and auditorium and conference room operations.

Information may be obtained by writing to Summer Employment, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770; or to Summer Employment, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, P.O. Box 8, Glorieta, N.M. 87535-0008.

ed that many Russian Christians were glad to hear a man of Graham's stature and that it would be comforting for them to know that American Christians were concerned about them. Graham's books, they said, are quite widely used in Russia for training new believers and very helpful.

But Graham's use of government-supplied interpreters was criticized by the two Russian Christians. They felt that the use of such interpreters opened up the possibility of Graham's messages not being translated exactly as they were preached. They also noted that in some instances Russian Christians who had come long distances to hear Graham preach were kept out by the KGB.

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Names in the News

The Malabouchia Chapter of Professional Secretaries International hosted Executive Night Oct. 2, at



Primos Northgate, Jackson. Recognition was given to new Certified Professional Secretary recipients Pauline Parker, pictured, secretary to Joe H. Barber, Jr., vice

Parker president of business affairs, Mississippi College, and Patsy Irwin, secretary to Fred Montalvo of Thornhill Nurseries. Pauline Parker is a member of First Baptist Church, Clinton.

The recognized standard of measurement of secretarial proficiency, the CPS Examination, includes six parts: (1) behavioral science in business, (2) business law, (3) economics and management, (4) accounting, (5) office administration and communication, and (6) office technology.

In Mississippi, six attained the CPS rating in 1984. This brings the statewide total to 90 and the international total, since the exams were first given in 1951, to 18,398.

The deadline for application for the 1985 Certified Professional Secretary examination is Dec. 1. The exam will be offered on May 3 and 4, 1985. For further information, contact Janis Erikson at 948-3472.

Ray Burks has accepted the position of minister of youth and education at Wichita Street Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He has previously

served as director of youth ministry, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; minister of youth, FBC, Nesbit; and associate pastor/youth director, Academy Church, Blue Mountain. Burks is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, and is presently enrolled at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He is married to the former Amy Hudson of Walnut.

Tim Tolleson was licensed to preach by Rocky Point Church in Leake Co., Aug. 22. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tolleson, and a student at Mississippi College. David Wilkinson, pastor, presented the license at homecoming Sept. 23.

Mrs. Eutokie Crawford celebrated her 99th birthday, Oct. 11, with a group of her friends. "Miss Tokie" is the oldest member of Slayden Church, Marshall Association. Lee Castle, pastor opened the program with scripture and prayer, Deborah Sanders sang "He Was There All The Time" and Greer Garrott, pastor of Metro Church, Memphis, brought the inspirational message. Many of the well-wishers were members of the ladies Bible study group that meets at "Miss. Tokie's" each Thursday afternoon.

Jay Houston, minister of music and youth at Hinkle Church (Alcorn Association), was ordained to the ministry Oct. 7. Houston is a student at Blue Mountain College. David Grisham is pastor of Hinkle Church.

Homecomings

Temple Church (Hinds): Harvest day celebration, Oct. 28; Barney Walker will be the 10:50 speaker; lunch will be served; Church training 6:00; worship service 6:45; James Watts, pastor.

Cherry Creek (Pontotoc): Harvest Day; Oct. 28; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 with James Travis preaching; lunch at 12; Frances Tyler speaking at 1:30 p.m.; Billy Davis, pastor.

Pleasant Hill (Leake): homecoming Oct. 28; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; W. E. Bass, former pastor will deliver the morning message; lunch will be served at the church; singing in the afternoon. Jerry Guess, pastor.

First Church, Runnelstown: homecoming, Oct. 28; Sunday school 10 a.m.; morning worship service 11 a.m.; R. F. Moore, speaker; dinner to follow morning service in fellowship hall; singing in the afternoon; Danny L. Chaney, pastor.

Ipil-ipil trees would prevent spread of Sahara desert

BOURKINA FASSO, Upper Volta (EP) Africa's deserts are on the march, moving South about six miles a year. Pushed on by overgrazing, excessive wood cutting and land clearing for increased food production, the deserts are claiming a half-mile each month.

Fighting to protect Africa's food supplies and help its people are agricultural development workers such as David LaRash, a Mennonite Central Committee forester in Nigeria.

"One can almost see the deserts forming," said Art Meyer, an MCC representative who toured the sub-

sahara region of Upper Volta, Chad, and Nigeria this spring. "As the sun beats down on the denuded land the relative humidity drops, less rain falls, and the water table drops. Wells must be dug deeper and deeper. Soon the soil loses its texture and, when it does rain, flash floods cause soil erosion and ugly gulleys."

Meyer is excited about LaRash's use of what is called the "miracle tree" in an attempt to re-establish the forests. It is the leucaena or ipil-ipil tree, a fast-growing legume which adds nitrogen to the soil and can reach a height of 60 feet in six years.

Devotional

We are ambassadors for Christ

By Alan Kilgore, Oakdale, Brandon
II Cor. 5:20-21

II Corinthians 5:20-21 says, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."



Kilgore

It was night and a minister's family was gathered around a campfire in a California desert. The air was still and quiet, but off in the distance, they become aware of an engine running. It was an old pickup truck. Its motor knocked, and its lights glowed dimly as it approached. As the truck stopped on a little rise overlooking the campsite, a voice called out, "Stranger, are you lost?"

The voice belonged to an old man who had lived in the desert most of his life. The family wasn't lost but they invited the old man down for a cup of coffee around their campfire. As he drank it he explained without apology, "I've lived out in this desert almost all my life and I know how bad it can be, especially for a stranger, so I never meet a person out here but that I ask him if he's lost and if I can help him."

That my friend is, quite simple, what the church should be doing in this old sinful world. We should be out in the highways and byways seeking to tell the world about our Lord, and asking them if they are lost and if they would let us share with them the story of Christ. A few Christian witnesses can accomplish a great deal if they would only dedicate themselves to the task.

According to the Bureau of Standards in Washington, a dense fog covering seven city blocks to a depth of 100 feet is composed of less than one glass of water. That amount of water is divided into about 60 billion tiny droplets. If you've ever tried to drive in a thick fog you know how hard it is to see, and it is amazing that such a small amount of water can create that much fog. This proves that in many cases a little bit can go a long way.

Imagine what tremendous things could be accomplished by a handful of dedicated Christians. Look at how much just a handful of disciples were able to do with the Lord's help. Now it stands to reason that if a few can do so much then what could be accomplished if a multitude of God's people would totally surrender themselves to God's army. It's past time that some of God's soldiers reenlist and get busy seeking to lead a lost neighbor, a lost friend, a lost family member to a saving Lord. It's past time that we, like the old man in the desert, ask the question, "Friend, are you lost?"

Staff Changes

Walter L. Yeldell, pastor of North Greenwood Church, Greenwood, since June, 1972, has announced his plans to retire. He told his church members on Oct. 7 that he plans to leave the active pastorate, Jan. 1, 1985.

Bob White has been called as minister of music and youth at Diamondhead Church, Gulf Coast. Mary Lee Bergeron is serving there in a newly created position, director of outreach.

Carolyn Collins began serving Oct. 1 as preschool director at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. She is responsible for the total preschool ministry of the church, including the Child Development Center (day care and kindergarten) and preschool religious education ministries.

Tom Adams has assumed the pastorate of New Salem Church, Carroll County.

Alvis K. Cooper has accepted a call as pastor of West Corinth Church, Corinth. Cooper received degrees from Blue Mountain College, New Orleans Seminary, and the University of Mississippi. He and his wife, Martha, go to West Corinth from Calvary Church, Louisville.

Tommy Leatherwood is the new pastor at Danville Church (Alcorn Association).

Randy Bostick has been called to pastor Oakland Church, Corinth. A graduate of Blue Mountain College, Bostick is enrolled in seminary studies at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. He, his wife Sharon, and his two daughters go to Oakland Church from Tishomingo Church (Tishomingo Association).

John A. Wade began his pastorate Oct. 7 at Bethlehem Church, Montgomery County.

J. Will Young honored by MC law school

The J. Will Young Chair of Law was established at the Mississippi College School of Law during ceremonies held at the Walthall Hotel in Jackson.

The chair honors J. Will Young of Jackson, senior member of the firm of Young, Scanlon, and Sessums, and was established by friends and professional associates of the honoree.

Young is a native of Jackson and a graduate of Central High School and the Jackson School of Law, a forerunner of the Mississippi College School of Law.

He was admitted to the Mississippi bar in 1938 and was immediately appointed prosecuting attorney for the City of Jackson. Prior to that he worked for the City of Jackson as a garage mechanic, as a motorcycle policeman, a police detective, and as city claim agent working under the city attorney.

Following several years as a partner with other attorneys in the Jackson area, Young was asked by his son, James Leon Young, a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law, to form a partnership with him. This was the beginning of the Young, Scanlon, and Sessums firm that today has eight partners, many associate lawyers, and para legals with offices located in the Deposit Guaranty Bank Plaza.

Taking part on the program announcing the J. Will Young Chair of Law were Lewis Nobles, president of the college; Gen. Alton H. Harvey, Dean of the School of Law; Joe Daniel, partner of Daniel, Coker, Horton and Bell; Prof. Mary Libby Payne, School of Law; George J. Thornton, chairman of the Law School Feasibility Committee and Dean's Search Committee and a college trustee for 24 years; and Robert Wall, director of church relations.

Webb named editor, Illinois Baptist

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)—William R. "Bill" Webb has been named to succeed Robert J. Hastings as editor of the Illinois Baptist and director of the office of communications of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Webb, 34, has been a staff writer in the news and information services department of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since 1981.

A native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., he holds a journalism degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and has completed two-and-a-half years of work toward the master of divinity in Christian education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two sons, Justin, nine, and Mark, seven.

Revival Dates

Griffith Memorial, Jackson: Nov. 4 - Nov. 9; Sunday morning service at 11:00; Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Robert Hanvey of Hazlehurst, evangelist; Bill Bacon of Clinton, music director; Gary Knapp, pastor.

Valley Hill, (Carroll): Oct. 28 - Nov. 2; services 7 p.m. on Sun.; 7:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; 11:00 a.m. Mon. - Fri. there will be a morning prayer service. Roy Hawkins, pastor of Calvary Church in Columbus, evangelist; music director will be

Joseph Sansing and Sue Avant will serve as pianist; Rickey W. McKay, pastor.

Revival Results

Second Avenue, Laurel: revival was held Oct. 14-17; Jerry Windsor, pastor, First Church, Graceville, Fla., preached; Jeff Holland of the Rose Tones led the singing; Jerry Oswalt, pastor.

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I LIKE BEING A CHRISTIAN, by Paul W. Powell; Broadman Press, 1983; 141 pages; paperback, \$4.95.

This is the eighth book by the pastor of the fast-growing Green Acres Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas. As the title suggests, this warm-hearted pastor communicates and lives the kind of Christianity that is attractive. His purpose in this book is to describe what a Christian is with the intention of leading those peering in from the outside to take that first step on the inside.

Powell does not communicate as a pulpit impresario. His Christianity in shirtsleeves—simple truths communicated in a simple fashion. The well-illustrated chapters, sermon in style, cover the basic issues facing Christians—namely: What is a Christian?; forgiveness, the nature of Christian commitment, assurance, eternal security, temptation, good works, witnessing, suffering, and Christian growth.

Much popular preaching today is top-heavy with structure—musclebound through elaborate points and sub-points and graced more by alliteration than illumination. Powell is more concerned with substance than structure. The outlines are not cute, but they do communicate.

The book can serve a three-fold purpose. It will be useful for new Christians to help them grow. It would be helpful to put in the hands of a person thinking about becoming a Christian. And it certainly would be a resource for pastors and preachers. —Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb, MS.

EVERYDAY EVANGELISM, by Billy Hanks, Jr.; Zondervan Publishing House, 1983; 174 pages; paperback, \$4.95.

Billie Hanks, Jr. is the president of International Evangelism Association and has spent much of his life in evangelism.

The burden of this particular book is not just how to do evangelism but how to teach it; and more than that, how to teach the new evangelist to become a trainer of evangelists himself. As Hanks writes, "Every convert is a potential evangelist. But more than that, every convert is a potential trainer of evangelists." (Page 12) Hanks is urging a Paul/Timothy relationship as the model for effectively training evangelists to carry the Gospel into our world. He does not decry large-group methods of encouraging and equipping soulwinners, but believes that the discipleship approach, the one-on-one approach, is the most effective for actually motivating and properly equipping God's children to be effective evangelists.

Several of the chapters are standard fare for evangelism how-to books. Subjects discussed are the need for purity in order to witness, the need for the Holy Spirit's power in witnessing, how to share personal testimony, how to use the plan of salvation, two very practical and helpful chapters on sharing Christ with Jewish and Moslem friends. A subject that is not often discussed in witnessing books is how to present the doctrine of the Trinity in evangelism, especially in dealing with the cults.

Hanks' chapter on "Presenting the Trinity in Evangelism" is a strong part of his approach.

The strength of Hanks' book is not the substance of the chapters so much as the motivating idea. What if every Christian saw himself as a Paul who had adopted Timothy, trained him to become a witness, and beyond that trained the Timothy to develop his own Paul/Timothy relationship with another Timothy. The real appeal and strength of the book lies in the fact that it is authored by one who has actually done and is doing what he is leading others to do. —Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb, MS.

TOTAL LOVE by Frances J. Roberts (King's Farspan, Inc. 1473 S. La Luna Ave., Ojai, Calif. 93023, 238 pp., available in paperback, \$6.95 or hard covers, \$10.95). This is a book of prayers, devotional reflections, and poetry. It displays the exquisite artistry of word design characteristic of all this writer's works. At the same time, it offers rich and powerful spiritual insights. The theme is love—God's love for us, our love for God and for one another. In the title poem she writes of God's love: "I love you with a tender love/ That is not changed by time,/ And is not less for all thy sins,/ Nor could be more sublime/ If thou an angel's form didst bear;/ Or thou a saint could be; I love thee, not for what thou art,/ But what thou art to Me;/ I see thee in the holy light/ Of My own deity;/ I love thee with the TOTAL LOVE/ Of all eternity."

In "Focus on Christ," she writes of the Savior's message, "I will teach you how to love when you have laid aside your pride and self-defense." In "Love Knocks on the Door," "Love will knock on a door, but will not force it open. Love is never disappointed when a desire is not granted, because it does not pursue its own good." In "The Kingdom of Heaven is Within You," she says "Does God want me here or there? Does he want me to relate to this person or to that person? Does he want me to have this, or not to have this—or that? And while we struggle for the answer to these questions, he is standing alongside saying softly and simply, 'Give me thy heart.' That is all... but that is everything..."

The author lives in Ojai, Calif. Of her many books, perhaps *Come Away My Beloved* and *On the Highway of Surrender* are the best known. —AWM

Atheists begin TV program

COLUMBUS, OH (EP)—Frank Zindler, a former college professor who operates a "Dial-an-Atheist" service here, has begun broadcasting the American Atheist Television Forum on four cable systems. His programs, which are carried on local public access channels, deal with such topics as creationism, church-state separation, school prayer, and the Moral Majority.

The first few programs have been supplied by the American Atheists organization headed by Madelyn Murray O'Hair.

Just for the Record



Forest Hill Church, Jackson, recently observed Girls in Action Recognition Service. Receiving Mission Adventure I Awards were Shelly Conlee, Jennie Foote, Jillette Gaddy, Brandi Holt, Abby Long, Carey Thomas, Crystal Williams and Cristy Vittitow. Receiving Adventure II Awards were Holly Dees and Crisi Harrison. Receiving Adventure IV Awards were Donna Ainsworth, Emily Chandler, Teri Taylor, and Carrie Vittitow. Receiving Adventure V Awards

were Brandy Pierce and Regina White. Receiving Adventure VI Award and the Mission Adventure Pin for the completion of all six adventures was Melinda Jacobs. Promoted from Mission Friends and receiving their GA Pins were Elizabeth Bartlett, Kyla Conlee, Holly Douglas, and Heather Williams. GA director and leaders at Forest Hill are Arlette Gaddy, Phyllis Givens, Diana Douglas, Modena White, Kaye Ammons, and Kay Anders. Wilbur Irwin is pastor.



RIVERSIDE CHURCH, PASCAGOULA, recently held a Girls in Action recognition service. The theme was "What A Wonderful World." Badges were presented to sixteen girls for completion of their Mission Adventures. The girls recognized were Colleen Morgan, Jenny Russell, Kristy Denton, Dianna Martin, Brandy McDonald, Connie Shaw, Shelley Shaw, Mandy Black, Mandy Salmon, Lisa Walker, Tracy Harrell, Erica Black, Melissa Rice, Laurie Morgan, Elizabeth Watson. The leaders are: Mrs. Bea Cunningham, Mrs. Gerry Jones, Mrs. Connie Black. Warren Langworthy is interim pastor and Mark Walker is minister of music and youth.



The Baptist Student Union of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, recently held auditions and named the participants for their ensemble for 1984-85. The group, named "Living Waters", is composed of the following students. Pictured from left, 1st row, Jerry Eubanks, Senatobia; Donald Neely, Horn Lake; 2nd row, Margie Weeks, Pittsboro; Martha Prewit, Nesbit; Margaret Walthal, Horn Lake; 3rd row, Lee Locke, Oakland; James Anderson, Mt. Pleasant. Not pictured, Mary Creasy, West Memphis, Arkansas. "Living Waters" is available to perform and may be booked through the BSU, Box NN-NWJC, Senatobia, MS 38668, or by calling 562-6168.



"Bearers of Good News" was the theme of the GA/RA Recognition Service held on August 12, at Ecru Church. GAs and RAs receiving recognition were as shown: front row (l to r) Sherry Nance, Jayme Ezell, Stormy Green, Scott McGee, Greg Wood, Willie Mounce, Tim Mounce, and Shawn Bigham. Back row: (l to r) Jodie Speck, Tracy Dowdy, Stacy Simmons, Robert Kidd, and Jeff Whitten. The GA leaders are Helen Horton, Pam Simmons, and Helen Nance. RA leader is Larry Bigham. Charles Stubblefield is pastor.

Primera Iglesia, Hispanic Mission in Gulf Coast Association, has a Spanish language radio program on WOSM every Sunday morning. Listener response has indicated an audience from Mobile to Pass Christian. Mike Gonzalez is the pastor.

Fellowship Church, Jones Association, will have high attendance day in Sunday school Oct. 28. Dinner will be served at noon. A dedication service will be held at 1:30 for the newly constructed foyer on front, and the brick- ing of entire building. The men did all the work, except laying brick. Mission director Maurice Flowers will preach the dedication message. Frank Mowdy is pastor. Joey McGill, music director.

The WMU of Wheeler Grove Church (Alcorn Association) sponsored a health fair at the church gym. Experts tested participants for diabetes and checked eyesight, hearing, mouth and gum health, and blood pressure. CPR techniques were also demonstrated. All services were provided free of charge.

Flora Church held its annual church-wide barbeque on Sept. 19. The pastor of Flora Church, Steve Jackson, reported that approximately 450 members and guests attended this year.



Flora Church, Flora, ordained two deacons, Doug Barker, left and Homer Burns in a special service on Sept. 23. The pastor, Steve Jackson, preached the charge to the candidates and presented the new deacons with Certificates of Ordination at the close of the service.

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The Messiah's light in the darkness

By Vernon L. Sikes, Yazoo City
Isaiah 7:1-12:6

Not long ago, a veteran Sunday School teacher was in a planning meeting to discuss teaching methods to be used as the church began a study of one of the books of the Old Testament. She had drawn some attention because of the lack of her usual participation in suggesting ideas. "You're awfully quiet today," commented one of her fellow teachers. The elderly lady's face twisted as if she were in pain and then she arrogantly said, "I just can't get excited about teaching the Old Testament. It's like teaching about dried-out bones. How can you relate it to today?"

Though in a different setting, it's highly probable that the Israelites in Isaiah's time had about the same attitude toward God's earlier activity in their lives. They sinned and God punished. They sinned again and God punished again, and each time they probably cried innocence and wondered why God would deal so harshly with them.

Isaiah was witness to a nation who was nearsighted when it came to seeing the causes for its trouble. The harder he tried to convince the people of their sin, the fewer would believe him. Just as God had told him earlier, only a remnant would truly hear him (6:13).

King Ahaz of Judah was a disaster. He was one of those people who claimed to be God-fearing (7:12) but who performed all types of heathen practices — child sacrifice and idol worship, to name a few (II Kings 16:5-18).

Pressure was being put on Ahaz by King Rezin of Syria and King Pekah of Israel to form an alliance against Assyria. Upon refusing such an alliance, Rezin and Pekah attacked Ahaz in retaliation.

At that point, God sent Isaiah to King Ahaz to tell him not to be frightened (7:4) because he would not let the kings take Jerusalem. It was then that King Ahaz made his fatal mistake. God was on his side and wanted to protect him, but the king felt that he needed more tangible help. In the crisis, Ahaz turned to Assyria, not God, for help.

Not willing to accept Ahaz's earlier refusal, God again attempted to reach him through using Isaiah's own family as a sign that Israel and Syria would be destroyed (8:1-4). Ahaz refused. Isaiah appealed to the people that they rely on the Lord alone, forsaking the way of worldly wisdom and logistics, but to no avail. The people were being led by a blind king who was leading them into anguish and dark despair (8:21-22).

We can scarcely imagine the anguish that Isaiah must have felt. He knew God so well and wanted so badly to change what was going on in his country and in Israel. The harder he preached, the worse things looked. Even with God's fist poised against them (9:12), they refused to repent and turn to Him. Everwhere he looked were "filthily-mouthed, wicked liars" (9:17), corrupt leaders, fights within families (9:20), and oppression (10:2-3). He knew that judgment was on its way. What else could he say? What more could he do?

To Ahaz, Assyria was a way out of his dilemma, but that same nation would later be God's instrument of judgment against His children (10:6). As Isaiah prophesied, the godless Assyrians would haughtily boast of their own power and wisdom, but God would turn upon them after His purpose of judgment had been accomplished.

God's anger would be kindled against them because of their unfaithfulness, but God would never lose sight of his purpose to save. A remnant — few enough for a child to be able to count — would survive to trust and to serve Him (10:22).

In His marvelous watchcare, God, in the end, will establish a King (11:1).

Help for family living

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Ephesians 5:21-6:4

"Submitting yourselves one to another" denotes that attitude which becomes and marks out those who are filled with the Spirit. It is opposed to rudeness, haughtiness, selfish preference for one's own opinions, and stubborn insistence on one's own rights.

The one wifely duty which Paul insists upon is that of submission. His words are a text on the Christian marriage relation. Paul does not mean that the husband is to be a domestic despot, ruling his family with a rod of iron. But the husband exercises an authority which the wife must forego. In areas where one must yield — for example, the husband's choice of a profession or of a geographical location for his work — the primary submission must devolve upon the wife.

The ancient world was a man's world, and in no place was this point of view more apparent than in the home. Among the Jews the wife was often little more than chattel. The Greeks confined the women of the household to their own quarters and did not even permit them to eat their meals with the men.

The supreme duty enjoined upon the husband is that he love his wife. The husband is to love his wife in the same way Christ loved the church, his body; in like manner ought husbands to love their wives, as being their own bodies.

Paul addresses himself to children, whose place in the home is another

sphere in which the principle of submission operates. Two words sum up the child's duty to parents: "obey" and "honor." They are timely words for a day which tends to regard the freedom of the child as an absolute.

The word translated by "obey" implies a readiness to hear and has the sense of obeying orders. The child is to listen to, and carry out, the commands of his parents.

This obedience is a Christian duty. This thought is conveyed by the words "in the Lord." They define the quality of obedience by setting forth the element or sphere in which it is to be performed. A certain sacredness is thus given to the obedience rendered by the children in a Christian home. It is prompted and regulated by a consciousness of Christian responsibility and must therefore be cheerful, prompt, and habitual.

This commandment to honor parents is described as "the first commandment with promise." Probably Paul was thinking of the whole body of Mosaic legislation of which the Ten Commandments are the introduction.

The promise itself is quoted in verse 3: "that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." In their original setting these words apply to the nation Israel and have specific reference to prosperity and long life in the Promised Land. Paul gives the words a wider meaning, making them apply to all children who render obedience and honor to

their parents.

Parental responsibility is stated in terms of the father's obligation. The suggestion is that the father as head of the household has a special responsibility in regard to the training of the children. No slight toward the mother is intended. Paul would be quick to recognize her rights and to acknowledge the molding power of her influence in the home.

"Children," wrote the psalmist, "are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalm 127:31). Their training and care should therefore be undertaken with a profound sense of responsibility to God. Two things are especially enjoined upon fathers. Negatively, they are cautioned not to "provoke" their children "to wrath." Parents are not to exercise their authority with unkindness and harshness.

The authority of parents is for the child's good, not for their own selfish gratification. To make unreasonable demands of a child, or to punish him too severely will deaden his affections toward the parents and check his desires after holiness. Many a child has reached the point where he feels he cannot possibly please his parents and therefore decides that he need not try.

On the positive side, fathers are charged to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The suggestion is that the Lord nurtures the child through the parents.

We minister to personal needs

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Luke 7:36-50

The title of this lesson says we minister. That may not be completely true but I am convinced that a great many Christians really want to minister. There may be some things that they let keep them from ministering. They may be negligent. They may overlook many opportunities or they may just be lazy. But I believe a great many of us would really like to minister to people. This scripture which we are studying this week should prove helpful to us. Let us look at three lessons that come out of this experience.

First, all kinds of people are in need of someone to minister. The Pharisee who invited Jesus to eat with him was well educated, apparently wealthy, and had the respect of the community. If you were picking someone in need, you would not pick this man. Yet the subsequent events revealed how deep his need was. In sharp contrast to him is the woman who comes on the scene. She is apparently a woman of the streets, immoral, and having the respect of no one in the community. Everything about her calls out in need for someone to minister. These two represent the worst and the best of humanity. Most of us would overlook the Pharisee because we would feel he did not need anything. And we would probably overlook the woman because we would not want to have dealings with that kind of a woman. We need to open our eyes and see that all kinds of people have need.

Secondly, we need to see people as individuals rather than as groups. Jesus never lost sight of the individual. He knew this Pharisee named Simon was not like all other Pharisees. And he knew this woman was not like every other prostitute. They were both individuals, created by God, in need of certain things. One of our greatest mistakes is to put people in groups and classify them as all alike. We say all blacks, or all Jews, all foreigners, or all people on welfare, or all in some other classification are just alike. We resent it when people put us in a group and say we are like everyone in the group. We must learn to see people as individuals if we ever minister to them. For real ministry comes from one individual to another. As long as we classify people in groups, we can pick out the worst trait of the group and use it as an excuse to justify our ignoring the needs of people.

The third thing is there is a direct relation between our sense of God's forgiveness and our ministry to others. Jesus used a parable to teach this lesson. Then he called attention to the fact that Simon had treated him as less than an ordinary guest while the woman had expressed an unusual amount of love. The reason for her actions was that her sins which were many had been forgiven. Simon had

watched the outpouring of her affection with much disdain. He resented the fact that Jesus would let such a woman minister to him. Simon was so bogged down in his own self righteousness that he had only criticism for all who were not "his kind." He had no sense of having been forgiven so he felt no need to minister to any person. And he felt so self righteous that he had difficulty finding good in anyone else.

Perhaps this is the area of our greatest need. Why should I be concerned with any other person's need? Why should I give time or money to any person? I take care of myself, why can't they take care of themselves? We are often critical of every person on welfare, citing as our reason that they are lazy and worthless. Most of us probably do not even know one person on welfare very well. We are just mouthing remarks made by someone else who knows less than we do.

The answer to all the questions above is we need to care for others because God has cared for us. How do you express appreciation to God except by doing something for one of his? The tragic truth is that too many of us are like Simon. We have ours so we look down our noses at those who do not and tell ourselves that if they were as good as we are they would have as much as we do. We need to be like this woman. Everything we have is a gift of God's grace. We ought to overflow with a feeling of gratitude. We can not anoint the Lord's body, but we can care for his people. And we will care for them in direct proportion to our gratitude to him. Each of us will be like Simon or this woman. And which we are will be determined by our appreciation for what God has done or our feeling of self sufficiency which feels an obligation to no one but self.

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